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A Prodigal Son.

Does that lamp still burn in my father's house
Which he kindled the night I went away?
I turned once beneath the cedar boughs,
And marked its gleam with a golden ray;
Did he think to light me home some day?

Hungry here with the crunching swine,
Hungry harvest have I to reap;
In a dream I count my father's kine,
I hear the tinkling bells of his sheep,
I watch his lambs that browse and leap.

There is plenty of bread at home,
His servants have bread enough and to spare;
The purple wine-fat froths with foam,
Oil and spices make sweet the air,
While I perish hungry and bare.

Rich and blessed those servants, rather
Than I who see not my father's face!
I will arise and go to my father:—
"Fallen from sonship, beggared of grace,
Grant me, father, a servant's place."

CHRISTINA ROSETTI.

No one is to-day exactly what he was a year ago. We are better off or worse off; we have more friends or fewer; there have been family changes in the year—marriages, deaths, removals. But, above all, there have been inward changes—in some loss of heart and decay of hope; in others an added fulness of life. How will it fare with us twelve months hence?

The Promise of the Kingdom.

A SERMON BY THE REV. W. E. ADDIS, M.A.

"Fear not, little flock; it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom."—LUKE XII. 32.

Our Lord himself declared that he came, not to destroy the law, but to fulfil it. In other words, he embodied in his own teaching the spiritual and eternal elements of all previous morality and religion, while at the same time he purified the great thoughts of the past from the false and imperfect ideas with which they had been associated, set them in their true light and exhibited them in their true connection, breathed into them the life and power which made them fit instruments for the regeneration of the world. Christ was made "under the law;" therefore he was reverent to the revelation under which he had been born. He had come in the fulness of time, and therefore he was fearless in proclaiming the new revelation which was to comprehend and replace it. Nor can we, as I think, desire a better illustration of this method, at once conservative and progressive, than the words which I have chosen for my text. It implies two conceptions of God, as king and as Father. Each of these conceptions has had a long history, stretching back far

before Christ's time; each was received by our Saviour as a legacy from the ages that were gone; yet each in Christ's mouth became instinct with nobler meaning, and was to travel into far lands and sound throughout the ages, blessing and enriching the life of man, lifting it up and making it sit in heavenly places. Nor is this all. We have here two pictures of God which are often conceived to be contrary to each other. It is, indeed, but natural to contrast God's almighty power and sovereign justice with his fatherly love. Christ, however, unites the two ideas closely and indissolubly. They melt into each other; they complete each other, and are each in its own way our protection against a view which would be one-sided, and therefore false. Surely this divine reasonableness, this fulness of revelation, delivering us from the falsehood of extremes, is among the causes which enable the spirit, and the mind, and the heart to rest finally in Christ.

Let us, then, begin with that thought of God as King which our text implies. It is well, I think, to dwell upon it and let it sink deep into our souls, because in modern times we are apt to forget its habitual prominence in the teaching of our Master. Men have been anxious of late to do fuller justice to the divine Fatherhood: and who will blame them for this, considering how frequently that most consoling aspect of God's nature was half forgotten in a severe theology which for a long time held wide sway in Protestant Europe? Yet, on the other hand, it is a grievous error to ignore the fact that Christ is never weary of pointing to the regal power and authority of God. It is, of course, implied in that kingdom of God which our text mentions, and which lies at the very root of Christ's religion. He began his ministry by taking up the message of the Baptist, his forerunner, and proclaiming that the kingdom was at hand. A little later he declared that the kingdom was actually present upon the earth: in loyal devotion to the kingdom he died upon the cross. If, however, you are not content with the thought of God as king latent in the very idea of the kingdom, there is no lack of explicit statements on the subject. Here, for example, are a few, culled from the gospel of St. Matthew. Christ came of the seed of Abraham; the God of Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob was his God; therefore, like other pious Jews, he refers to Jerusalem as "the city of the great king." It deserved that lofty title because it was the centre and heart of religious life to the people which alone as yet among all the nations of the earth worshipped a God of absolute righteousness and almighty power. True, Jerusalem was not always to retain that proud prerogative; but God's power is raised high above the changes of chance and time, and so Christ reminds us that the heaven is God's throne and the earth his footstool. Nor, again, will Christ suffer us to dismiss that reverential fear with which we as sinful creatures are to approach our Maker. On the contrary, he makes the holy fear of God our deliverance from all terror of men. "Fear not them," he says, "which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear him who can destroy both body and soul in hell." Nay, even in the most characteristic of Christ's maxims, when he is opening the promises and holding forth the hopes of the gospel, Christ still recurs to the thought of God's almighty power and dread judgment. Does he see the difficulties, rising to actual impossibility, in the way of a rich man's salvation, at a time when no man could follow the Master without worldly loss and grievous trial? Yet he will not exclude the rich from the blessings of the kingdom, and he takes refuge in his knowledge of the divine omnipotence. "With man, indeed, it is impossible; but with God it is possible, for all things are possible with him." In one parable he compares God to a king who remits in favour of his servant a debt which is practically infinite: in another parable he compares him to a king who invites his subjects to the marriage feast of his son. In that matchless scene when the Saviour of the world rejoices over the success of the work which he had come to accomplish, the remembrance of God's royal majesty is still present to his mind: "I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hidden these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes."

Now, it is obvious that when Christ speaks of God as king or lord, he starts from the principles laid down in the Old Testament. Nay, much of the language which I have quoted is borrowed from the older dispensation. Yet

how far Christ advances beyond the law and the prophets! The God whom he proclaims reigns with equal and impartial justice over all. It is not Jews who are his chosen subjects, but all, whatever their natural lineage may be, who seek the divine righteousness. The law of God's kingdom is separated from all that is merely external or ceremonial. It is mercy, and judgment, and faith (*i.e.*, trust), which are the "weightier matters" in the law of the kingdom. The king is, no doubt, a judge who searches the heart, but he is also a sovereign ready to bestow his forgiveness upon all who are willing to receive it. Whereas heathen potentates in the exercise of their power sought their own advantage, the rule of the divine kingdom is that he who would be first is to take the lowest place, and so make himself the servant of all. On exactly the same principle God rules men for men's good. The Sabbath, in God's intention, is made for man, not man for the Sabbath. Entering into the kingdom, self-surrender to God, is no blind submission to an almighty despot. It is all one with entering into life; and that life being the gift of him who alone hath immortality is itself eternal. Above all, Christ reveals the authentic glory of the divine sovereignty. God is not king solely or chiefly because he calls the stars by their names—because he makes the winds his messengers and the flaming fire his minister. The God of Jesus is more than the God whom Isaiah saw, "high and lifted up, his train" filling the temple. Christ declares that the kingdom of God is within us. Yes. Think of one soul from which evil passion is cast out; a soul that is gentle and resigned, pure and just, filled with trust, and enduring hope, and love. In that soul God reigns to the full extent of his almighty power, and you have seen the truest image of his power and glory.

Turn next to that other thought of God prominent in the text—the thought of God as Father. Here, too, you have a conception which began long before Christ came, and which was widely diffused. It may be traced back to that dim and prehistoric time when primitive races first worshipped ancestral spirits. We meet with it under a more developed form among philosophic Greeks, who taught that the spirit of man is akin to that infinite spirit which pervades the universe, so that we also are the offspring of the divine. Again, prophets and law-givers in Israel spoke of the Hebrew nation as the son of the Most High, and the king, as representing the collective life of the nation, was said to be the son of God. What change, then, did Christ introduce? The first thing which strikes the thoughtful reader of the gospels is the frequency, to which there is not the least parallel elsewhere, with which Christ appeals to the Fatherhood of God. He makes faith in God as Father the very soul of religion, the one great truth by which all religious theory is to be judged, and by which all the facts of life are to be interpreted. We cannot doubt that there must be some reason for this predilection, nor is that reason far to seek. No man hitherto had known the Father as Christ knew him, as he enables us to know him. It is not only that he pulled down the partition wall between Jew and Gentile, so gathering into one family the children of God who were scattered throughout the world. We might claim for the later Greeks the knowledge that man as man—independently, that is, of racial differences—is the son of God; but their notion of divine sonship is shallow, and vague, and poor. It is true in a sense that all men are the sons of God; but while we look simply to that gift of reason which links us to the divine intelligence, the idea does not help us much or carry us far. Christ, on the contrary, teaches that the realisation of the divine sonship comes not by nature but by grace. It involves a new birth; it is held in actual possession by those who are like God in his moral attributes, in the active exercise of holy love. We can, I think, understand best what Christ meant by a son of God, if we recall the words in which he tells us who they are whom he associates with himself as his own kindred. Do you remember the occasion on which he spoke? It was at the beginning of his ministry, and those who were nearest to him by natural ties seem to have misunderstood him and to have had scant sympathy with his work. In that hour of loneliness the Son of man looked round on them that sat about him, and said, "Behold my mother and my brethren; for whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and my mother." Look to that new family founded then and

growing now, and you will learn what Christ means when he speaks of men as God's children. Those who have the childlike spirit of trust, those who are simple and teachable, those who strive to follow where God leads, these, I say, are God's children, and they know in a blessed experience what it is to have God for their Father. No work of moral worth which they do for themselves or for their brethren shall be done in vain; their Father who seeth in secret shall reward them. The most trivial event of their lives shall not be too small for their Father's care; "the very hairs of their head are numbered." They have an ever present refuge in trial and sorrow: there is an ear ever open to their cry, a spirit of all-holy love which never fails to sympathise: "when thou prayest, shut thy closet door and pray to thy Father who seeth in secret." We need nor fear because we cannot find the right words. Our "Father knoweth what things we have need of," and yet because he is our Father desires that we should ask for them. All the treasures of sweetness and comfort are hid in the thought of God our Father. Yes, and beside that it opens up a vista of endless life and toil, enlisting an infinite power upon our side that we may be able to travel through it. For we are so to act that we may be called the children of God. We are to take God himself as our example, and to be perfect, "as our Father in heaven is perfect."

Observe, in conclusion, how, as has been already said, Christ blends together the royal power of the heavenly King with the love of the heavenly Father. His power is over all; it knows neither limit nor restraint; but his goodness and his love determine the mode in which that power is exercised. It is directed by that eternal love wherewith he has loved us. It is his good pleasure to give us the kingdom, and none can hinder his will. Thus his power proves his love, since he puts all things at our disposal and makes them all work together for our good. It is no less true that his love is the supreme manifestation of his power; for he does his work in the heart of man, and exhibits his almighty power chiefly in this, that he shows mercy and forgiveness. When men really understand what sin is—when, in Christ's words, the Spirit convinces them of sin—they find it very hard to believe that God forgives; and in truth this pardon is the greatest of all miracles. Christ enabled men to believe that God receives sinners by welcoming them into his own blessed company. He taught sinners to trust God by first teaching them to trust himself.

"Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." When that promise was made, its fulfilment, according to all human probability, was the wildest and most impossible dream. Nevertheless that great word of the Master has been fulfilled, or, as we may rather say, is being fulfilled before our eyes. Thrones have crumbled into dust, and dynasties have passed away and been forgotten, but the kingdom which Christ proclaimed is an everlasting kingdom. His true disciples are still the salt of the earth, the light of the world. The powers of evil struggle hard, but are in the end defeated by that spirit of Christian love which deals out full and sympathetic justice to all, comforts the mourner, strengthens them that are ready to perish, raises the fallen, despairs of none. The victories of Christ's spirit in the past are the auguries of greater victory to come. If we are Christ's, then it is the Father's good pleasure to give us the kingdom. More and more Christ must reign till he has put all things under his feet.

"Fear not, little flock." Fear not thou, O weakest member of that flock, conscious as thou art of manifold wickedness and indwelling sin, feeling thine own unlikeness to thy Master, driven, it may be at times, almost to utter wreck. Greater is he that is for thee than all they that are against thee. "Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy; when I fall I shall rise again, when I sit in darkness the Lord will be my light." There is one who feels thy secret grief, and ever liveth to make intercession for thee. His strength is made perfect in thy weakness. He knows the Father, and thou hast his assurance that it is the Father's good pleasure to give thee the kingdom, that kingdom which is "love, and peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit."

We know not what the New Year will bring forth; we only know it will give occasions for watchfulness, courage, hope, endeavour.

Back to School.

The holidays are over! Terrible sentence! Penal servitude, with hard work—on grammar and dictionaries, on Euclid and copy-books—for five calendar months! Hundreds of little hearts this week are swelling, and scores of small chests, we fear, are shaken with sobs at the tragic doom. "Going back to school!" An end of pantomimes and polytechnics; an end of dances and magic-lanterns, and conjurors and mince pies! An end—no, not quite an end yet—of plum cake; for that true consolation in affliction, being happily of a thoroughly portable nature, has been carefully packed at the bottom of Tom's portmanteau and Kate's trunk to carry back to the dread precincts of Dr. Birchem and Miss Starchley, at least an after-glow of home delights. Even when the cake has gone to that bourne from which the fewer comestibles return the better, the box and the clothes it contains will preserve an odour full of tender memories.

"You may empty, may shake out, that trunk if you will,
But the scent of the plum-cake will hang round it still."

Sadly dawns the morning which is destined to see the poor children

"Forced from home and all its pleasures."

Hopes have been cherished for the past week that a great fall of snow would render travelling impossible, or that a gigantic railway accident would terrify mamma too much to let her entrust her darlings to that perilous mode of conveyance. Even the measles, or the mumps, or scarlet fever itself would have been welcome to keep them at home. As these visions have faded, the passion "which springs eternal in the human breast" has suggested, as the next possibility, down to the very moment of departure, the various impediments of a letter from the master saying that small-pox has broken out at Dotheboys Hall; no cab to be had; a breakdown on the way to the station; too late for the train. Alas! alas!

"One by one the visions leave us,
One by one our hopes deceive us."

At last we find ourselves whirling at thirty miles an hour to the precise spot on this habitable planet where we the least desire to be present. Some little comfort is found on reaching our destination, in meeting with schoolfellows extolling the wonders and glories of the past holidays, unpacking the cake, and displaying a new cricket bat, or a book, or a work-box. So far the twilight of the vacation may be said still to illumine our way, even if it be but feebly. But next morning! That terrible awaking at the sound of the well-known and much-detested bell! The cold, the semi-darkness of the wintry morning, the bare-looking room and different dressing apparatus from that of the snug little chamber we have left at home, and then, in all the force of its desolation, the dreadful, dreadful thought, that "it is all over." The holidays which we looked for so eagerly, and at whose approach we made so many calculations of days and hours and minutes on our slates, are things of the past—dead, partly for ever gone—and now, five long, long months, one-and-twenty weeks, one hundred and forty-seven days and a half (to be exact), must drag their slow length along ere we may again sing—"Home, sweet home," or, as boys used to do at schools up the river—

"Good-bye, Richmond; good-bye, Kew;
If you love me, I don't love you."

Alas! alas! such is life at the period of Shakespeare's second age, even though the "satchel" no longer encumbers the hands of the boy who "crawls" or is carried "unwillingly to school." Nor need we shut up our compassions for his woes, even though it be hard amid life's sterner cares, to regard them wholly without a smile. As St. Augustine says, pitying himself for being whipped for stealing the pears: "The sorrows of childhood are as great in their way as those of maturity, for they are all that can be felt at the time."

By-and-by we may, perchance, all look back upon the separations and disappointments, and bereavements of earth, and say "They were much like the dismal days when we went back to school! We were divided from those we loved, and we had to do hard work which we did not like, and sometimes we were punished. But, after all, we are glad we were sent to school!" And for those whose business it is to send and not to be sent—for paters and materfamilias—this time with its departures is somewhat a sad one. Not wholly unmixed sadness we may guess; for though the parental heart yearns over the pale and tear-stained faces of poor

Alice and Gertrude, and sympathises painfully with the manful efforts of Frank not to choke as he drinks his last cup of tea, there is a side of the holiday question which renders the conclusion of the vacation not without alleviating circumstances. Girls, indeed, go and come without much stir or fuss—fresh young voices heard trilling at intervals about the house, like birds chirping before going to roost, with a good deal of maternal duty in the way of chaperoning to children's parties and provision of plates of bread-and-butter, calculated on a scale unknown to "those that are of riper years," pretty nearly exhaust the incidents of young ladies' holidays, so far as home order is concerned. When they are gone, the cessation of the chirruping, and non-appearance of the bread-and-butter Andes, are the only phenomena to be noted. But very different is the state of affairs where four or five schoolboys have come like so many small incarnate tempests, and made the house much what the Temple of the Winds at Athens might have been had the deities on the frieze managed to get inside. Why is it—we call on all the philosophers to explain—why do boys' boots make more noise and bring more mud along with them than those of half-a-dozen men together?

By what acoustic laws do the laughter and talk of boys echo always from cellar to garret? And why, O why, does the masculine creature in its early teens find such exquisite delight in banging doors, tormenting cats, hacking mahogany tables with a penknife breaking chairs by using them as horses, pulling down bells, smashing crockery, and causing banisters to become evermore unsteady by sliding down them like Montague's Russes from top to bottom? A grave and very fat old gentleman has been heard, leaning mournfully the while on his gouty stick, to argue with his grandsons on these matters, and solemnly to put it to them, "You don't see me sliding down the banisters! What pleasure can it be to you to swing in that unseemly manner upon them?" We fear his remonstrances, and even his example of quiescence, were of little avail.

It must be owned that the "great hush and golden silence" which follows the driving away of a cab full of these young Britons is not without some mitigation of regret. Papa and mamma sitting down to the shortened table, whence all the olive branches have been removed with the Christmas holly, may exchange sorrowful looks and anxious questionings, whether Tom's improvements "last half" justifies them in keeping him at Dr. Canem's, and whether Jane's chest might not be stronger if they were to remove her from the establishment of the Misses Prunes and Prism, at Brighton, and send her to Mrs. Cammerwell's, at Cheltenham. But into these councils we need not intrude. We have but to offer our condolences to all parties at the close of these Christmas holidays. Let the departing young ones be comforted! We shall miss them very much. London will be much more quiet. Pantomimes will soon close, and the Polytechnic become a desert. If some gleam of consolation light up our inner homes when we note the general calm which has succeeded to the storm, and hear Puss purring by herself on the rug a little song, which seem to say, "Boys all gone! boys all gone!" they will surely not grudge it.

We have done our best to give them "A Merry Christmas," and now they must return to work.

FRANCES POWER COBBE.

If every year we would root out one vice we should sooner become perfect men.

—*Thos. à Kempis.*

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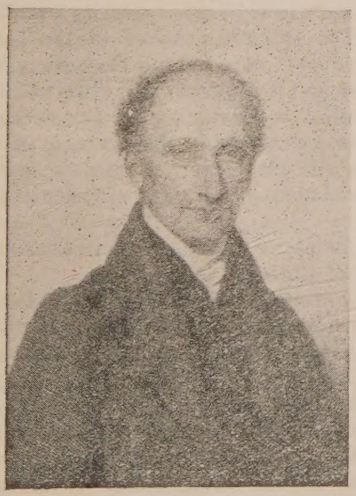
Authentic Interviews.

VII.—THE REV. LANT CARPENTER, LL.D.

Bristol, 25th August, 1828.

When the Rajah Rammohun Roy was asked what Englishman he most desired to see, his answer was "Dr. Carpenter." He gained his desire soon after, by attending Dr. Carpenter's Chapel at Lewin's Mead, Bristol.

During the past ten years, since he came here from Exeter, Dr. Carpenter has been a leading figure. Not only as an impressive preacher, but as a schoolmaster, as a writer, and as a reformer, he has earned much esteem from the inhabitants



of this town. His public efforts for the foundation of the Literary and Philosophical Institution have already borne good fruits in its eminent success, the only reward which he desired. His discriminating promotion of the Anti-Slavery Campaign has not been forgotten, for it was he who drew up the Bristol petition. And his earnest support of Parliamentary Reform, as of Catholic Emancipation, has all along been unfaltering.

But it is in connection with the Lewin's Mead congregation, as colleague of the Rev. John Rowe, and successor to Dr. Estlin, that Dr. Carpenter's chief work has been done. His people cannot speak too well of him, or the invaluable benefits of his ministration.

It was, therefore, with very real concern they had to learn that their younger minister was compelled to resign the charge entrusted to him. Ill-health and overwork necessitated a retirement, desired by him, and accepted by them, with the greatest possible regret. This took effect about fifteen months back.

Rest and change have, however, worked a wonderful cure, restoring Dr. Carpenter to health and power. It has been known in the town that his old congregation had sent him a cordial invitation to resume his ministry over them. We are now able to announce the very gratifying intelligence that yesterday Dr. Carpenter signified by letter his acceptance of their desire.

"Your people will rejoice to have you back once more," said our interviewer, "a joy which you doubtless will share?"

"It will be with peculiar interest and satisfaction that I shall again engage in the duties of the ministry, among a people whose attachment has been so proved; who have in past times opened to me so many sources of Christian usefulness; whose younger members have shown so much readiness to receive instruction, and so much willingness to impart it to others, and from whom, more than among comparative strangers, I may reasonably hope for cheering support, counsel, and forbearance, in the wearying, and often depressing, exertions and trials of the pastoral charge."

"But I hope the weariness is over, and that you are now restored to vigour."

"I am now, after the long suspension caused by over-exertion and excitement, restored to a greater degree of intellectual vigour than I have experienced for many years. I think, too, that this suspension, with the change of scene and circumstance, has operated to release me from too fettered trains of thought; and that I am now more able, than at any past period, to take sound and comprehensive views of those subjects in which I have always felt so earnest an interest."

Dr. Carpenter was trained for the ministry, firstly at the Northampton Academy, which succeeded the one at Daventry, and secondly at the Glasgow University, where, as Exhibitioner

under Dr. Williams's Trust, he spent three happy years. He proceeded to describe, at my instigation, his first attempts at preaching during his second vacation, and his difficulties in reaching, and returning from, his Midland home. Owing to contrary winds, he was five days and a half on the passage, by sailing vessel, from Greenock to Liverpool; while the return passage took a fortnight, owing partly to the winds again being contrary, and partly to delay in procuring a convoy, which the war rendered necessary.

"Had you intended, and were you prepared, to begin public preaching at this time?"

"When I left Scotland, it was so far my intention not to preach, that I had made no preparation whatever, and I mounted the pulpit in clothes which bore little resemblance in colour to those we generally consider as proper for a preacher." His first sermon was at Kenilworth, and he afterwards preached at Warwick and at Bromsgrove.

"And you made no other pulpit venture?"

"The other time I preached was at Kidderminster on the Sacrament Day, in the afternoon. I secured myself from the possibility of preaching again by cutting the only two sermons I had made into one."

"You, doubtless, hold Kidderminster in honour, and its associations with Baxter, apart from a natural interest in your native place?"

"A few years ago, after a charity sermon in the neighbourhood, a stranger was noticing the orderly and respectable appearance of the poor at Kidderminster. He wondered what could cause so striking a difference between them and the poor of other manufacturing towns, and asked the worthy minister of the place where he was, if it could be the effect still remaining of Baxter's preaching."

"And the reply?"

"He replied that the poor in Kidderminster were better educated than in almost any manufacturing town, and that that was the cause of what he admired. The fact is highly honourable to my native town; and I hope that, while other places are making a valuable progress by the same means, this will not cease to continue and increase those exertions which have been so beneficial."

"Speaking of Baxter's preaching, what was your own theological position when you went to Northampton?"

"The trustees said I was a determined Socinian. From what source they drew this information I cannot tell, though I own that I was more decided in my opinions, and further from what is called moderation, than I am at present."

"But you are not a Trinitarian?"

"I am by no means nearer being a Trinitarian than I ever was; and indeed rather the contrary, but I perceive that, if I had been bred up in Trinitarian principles, I should have seen so much to favour this mode of faith, and such a delightful shelter in the incomprehensibility of the doctrines, that I will not say that I should easily have got rid of them."

"Then do you admit the Trinity as a tenable theory of the Deity?"

"I used to think the belief in the Trinity a mere prejudice; now I think that, though very much must be attributed to prejudice to induce a man to hold that doctrine, there is something in scripture to countenance the opinion of a man who brings it with him; though to me there appears in almost every page sufficient to overturn it."

"You maintain against the Trinitarians the humanity of Christ?"

"They have such a dexterous method of satisfying their own minds by the doctrine of the two natures, that the texts which assert the humanity of Christ and his inferiority to the Father, do not in the least touch them; and they have such high ideas of the impossibility of understanding the *modus* of the Trinity, and of the inexplicable nature of the union which subsists between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that though Cooper has, in my estimation, given a decided blow on rational principles to every explanation which deserves the name Trinitarian, they all think that it has nothing to do with their particular mode of belief."

"To you it must seem but Tritheism?"

"I know that those who believe the doctrine of the Trinity would shudder at the idea of Tritheism, and yet I acknowledge I cannot see any medium between Tritheism and the personal unity of the Deity."

"You have been considered, I understand, by even Unitarians themselves, a

little too evangelical in your opinions?"

"My sentiments have increasingly become what I may be allowed to call evangelical. Convinced that the best foundation for Unitarianism is that which is laid on the Scriptures, and that Scriptural views and arguments are the best means of gaining admission into the minds of the well-disposed among the lower classes, I trust it will ever be the aim of Unitarians to make Unitarianism 'evangelical' in the best sense of the term; and that, while endeavouring to sow the seeds of Gospel truth, they will continually bear in mind that this is only a means to a yet higher end—the promotion of Gospel practice."

"Then you desire more evangelical fervour, along with rational faith?"

"Is Unitarianism so frigid a system that the genial spirit of the Gospel must lose in it all its warmth and energy? If so, it is not Christianity! We may learn much from those who have less light; and, for myself, I care not where I see what is good; if I can, I desire to imitate it. It is nothing to me if the good example be set by the Wesleyan, the Calvinist, the Moravian, the evangelical, or the orthodox Churchman."

"And you believe that this Gospel zeal will one day overtake your community?"

"I doubt not that the time will come when Unitarians will manifest no small portion of that zeal which at present seems to exist most, where, as we believe, it is most without knowledge; when the Unitarian body, and every individual community, shall show much of the genuine character of the Church of Christ in the Apostolic age; and when they shall set that example, which is now set them, of zeal for the glory of God, of cordial union with their brethren, and of earnest desire to promote the best interests of those around them."

Dr. Carpenter has always taken deep interest in Manchester New College, now situate at York. He was twice, he said, invited to become assistant tutor to the Rev. Chas. Wellbeloved, which post he declined, but was subsequently appointed Deputy Visitor, and afterwards one of the Vice-presidents. On his first visit, he stayed with Mrs. Cappe, with whom he had been in correspondence for nearly twenty years, but without having seen her face. It was an interesting meeting for each of them, but to him pathetic in its memory, for a few weeks later she had passed away. "How thankful am I that I had the privilege of seeing her," said Dr. Carpenter, "and letting her feel how much I valued her, before she was called from life."

Mrs. Cappe having been one of the first to give Sunday instruction to children, in her own back kitchen, I remarked—

"You are an upholder of Sunday Schools and a follower of Robert Raikes?"

"Yes. I well remember that while residing at Stourbridge, in the schoolroom where we used to assemble on the Lord's day evening, there was a tablet to that great and good man who first set in motion that mighty machine, which, under the blessing and direction of Divine Providence, is now affording to almost all the children of the poor the opportunity of gaining the knowledge of God and duty, and of the great ends for which they were placed here."

"And hence you established a Sunday School at Exeter, and have recently started one here?"

"When one of those distinguished Persians, whose visit we all remember with different degrees of interest, inquired into the institutions connected with our congregation, and its different plans of benevolence, he expressed great surprise that we had no Sunday School, and was fearful that the religious denomination to which we belong are deficient in our efforts in that direction. I was able to correct him in the last point; and I was able to tell him that the congregation with which I was previously connected had taken the lead in establishing one. I was able to tell him that various objects contributing to the welfare of the congregation, and to the relief of others, were flourishing in it; and that very much was done by it which was honourable, and which was encouraging, and I ventured to express a belief that hereafter we should not be backward here."

"And do you expect a great development of such institutions in the future, as a means of religious education to the young and the poor?"

"Among the grandest objects of improvement at present, I cannot but place the rapidly extending efforts to give knowledge, and especially religious knowledge, to the poor. Where there is light, there is the greatest probability of truth being known; and truth is the friend of virtue.

It was one of the earliest convictions of my understanding that the education of the poor is one among the surest means of doing good, according to the best desires of Christian benevolence. In this great object it is my earnest desire never to be found wanting, or to see those wanting, whom I value, respect, and love."

Dr. Lant Carpenter has *not* been found wanting in the earnest furtherance of religious instruction. From his early conviction up to the present time it has been his highest aim, his holiest mission. In the private sanctities of his own home, in the teaching and discipline of his school and its tradition, in his advocacy and support of the Sunday School system, in his catechetical classes for the young of his congregation, in his public action in the town, not less than in his pulpit preaching, he has been all along an educationalist in religion, in the truest sense of the term. The worshippers at Lewin's Mead are indeed to be congratulated that he is about to resume his ministry for a further period as their preacher, co-pastor, and friend.

A "Free Church" Catechism.

The General Committee of the National Council of Evangelical Free Churches have just issued a document of great pith and importance. This is a Catechism, of 52 questions and answers, designed for the school and home, wherein a complete theological system is laid down in simple and carefully chosen terms.

The leading motives of the document are two in number; 1st, to provide a manual for the instruction of the young; 2nd, to exhibit the essential theological unity of the various branches of Nonconformist Orthodoxy. In both of these motives the authors have our entire sympathy. With so wide and deep a common basis as this Catechism provides, the differences between Baptist, Wesleyan, Congregationalists shrink to insignificance, and the prospect dawns of a time when these various members of the Church of Christ will be united into one august and solid body. To us the time seems ripe for such a union, and though we ourselves are outside its limits, and fully recognise on the evidence of this Catechism that we could not at present be inside, we should be ready to accord a glad welcome to its advent as a genuine manifestation of Christian brotherhood.

Though this Catechism is mildly orthodox on some points, and not aggressively orthodox on any, we do not find it essentially different from the accepted creeds of Protestant Christendom. The process by which you can make anything mean anything might be applied to its statements with greater ease, perhaps, than to the Nicene or Apostles' creed—a process of which Mr. Fripp has recently given some brilliant illustrations in these columns—but its general standpoint is perfectly distinct and familiar to us. Mingled with the leading motives above mentioned, a secondary may be recognised, viz., to guard the faith from Unitarianism on the one hand, and from Sacerdotalism on the other. From which and from many other signs we conclude that the authors intend the Catechism as a re-statement of the "old faith," and we cannot, therefore, accept the ungenerous criticism that they have deliberately left open a door of escape from each of the positions laid down. On one point only do we recognise a distinct advance—in the complete absence of any allusion to the doctrine of Eternal Torment. Notwithstanding that the usual Scripture arguments for this doctrine are several degrees less feeble than those commonly alleged for the Trinity (which is distinctly retained by the Catechism), we conclude that the belief in Everlasting Punishment is no longer a vital element in Protestant orthodoxy. It has yielded to the moral pressure of a more enlightened age, to which cause we may confidently look for the disappearance hereafter of many beliefs still included in the Catechism.

The nature of the Catechism will be sufficiently shown by the series of questions and answers beginning with (No. 6) "What is Sin?" Defining sin as any thought or feeling, word or act which is either contrary to God's holy law, or falls short of what it requires, the Catechism goes on to state that of ourselves we are neither able to fulfil the law of God nor to deliver ourselves from sin. It is the Son of God who does this, and he does it by the sacrifice of the Cross, whereby he atoned for "all our sins and broke the power of sin." But of course the matter does not end there. In

order to avail ourselves of this atoning benefit we must repent and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. And this again we cannot do of ourselves, for it is the secret power of the Holy Spirit working in our hearts which enables us to repent and believe. These references to the Son of God and the Holy Spirit make it necessary to interpose a definition of the Trinity. Accordingly answer 19 states—"that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit into whose name we are baptised are one God"—which, by the way, is a very flimsy piece of orthodoxy, indicating rather a mere love for the word Trinity than an understanding of what it historically means.

But allowing for this want of metaphysical insight into the meaning of its own terms, the Catechism here presents us with the essential "scheme" of orthodoxy. No little effort of memory is required to keep its various elements co-present to the mind—as the teachers of the Catechism in Sunday Schools will probably find to their cost. Some element of vagueness we detect here and there (as in answer 36, to the question, where do we find God's word written?) which may be intentional or not. If intentional it is a mistake, for a "scheme" is no scheme unless all its parts rigidly fit together, as they do in those incomparable specimens of logical completeness—the Longer and Shorter Catechisms. No doubt it has seemed a good thing to the committee to so frame the words that the teacher may vary according to his predilections the strength of the dose of orthodoxy which he compels them to carry. But inasmuch as this has been done, by exactly so much does this Catechism fail to show where the Free Churches stand and to exhibit any real agreement among them.

We do not intend to discuss any of the theological points emphasised by the Cathechism. To us the whole system of thought, which it somewhat feebly represents, is as obsolete as the Ptolemaic Astronomy.

Reading these questions and answers will cause most Unitarians to realise with some sorrow of heart the wide and deep gulf that separates them from the great body of their Nonconformist brethren in Presbyterian, Wesleyan, Congregationalist, Baptist, and other churches. We had hoped that our respective positions were approximating, they drawing nearer to us in their growing preference for the spirit to the letter, we to them in a more solemn sense of our religious indebtedness of the past. But if this Catechism really represents them it proves that they are untouched, or almost untouched, by the intellectual movement of the time, that they are seeking to protect themselves from that movement as from an injurious influence, and that they are still prepared, in their fortress of dogma, to hurl defiance at history and criticism. More than ever, therefore, must we feel ourselves isolated in our attempt to maintain the religious life in strict harmony with the highest and freest intellectual activity. To do this is the peculiar vocation which God has given us in this time. We had hoped, we still hope, that others share that vocation with ourselves—for what matters it who does the work of God so long as God's work is done? But this voice from our brother Nonconformist gives us no encouragement, no sympathy, seeming rather to sound a note of challenge against that for which we exist. No Unitarian will read the Catechism, therefore, without feeling that his own part in the religious life of the age is more necessary, more urgently called for by God and man.

But does this Catechism really *represent* the religious opinions of 60 millions of souls, as Mr. Price Hughes claims it does? We think Mr. Price Hughes may be deceiving himself. Many utterances claiming to be representative of a great body have turned out to be *protests* proceeding from a tendency on one part against the operations of an opposite tendency on another. It was once the fortune of the present writer, when in the United States, to accidentally mention the name of Emerson as a "representative" American. Whereupon a voice cried from the audience, "not a representative but a protest!" We seemed to hear that voice again and again as we read through these pages. It is the invariable teaching of history that the appearance of Creeds or Catechisms synchronizes with the development of more or less articulate heresies. Creeds are born in a moment of alarm when the orthodox elements of the faith, perceiving defection on every side, begin to pull themselves together

with a view to present a solid front against the foes of their own household. And the first effect of this concentration on the one side is to throw existing differences into stronger relief and cause a similar concentration on the other. If this description does not hold of the present Catechism it will be the solitary exception of history.

And this suggests a question. How will this Catechism be used by the Churches from which it emanates? True, it carries no authority: but Mr. Price Hughes and his friends are powerful men. How will any Baptist or Congregational Church stand which declines to use this Catechism? All such will assuredly be marked out. And in cases where the right of formal ecclesiastical censure is not claimed, are there not other modes of making churches smart for recalcitrancy, in the use of which ecclesiastical organisations (of which the National Council is one) have always proved themselves the most ingenious, and often the most unscrupulous of experts?

In conclusion, we feel tempted to supplement some of these Questions and Answers, with others of our own invention. For instance Q. and A. 35 run as follows:—

Q.—*What is the essential mark of a true branch of the Catholic Church?*

A.—The presence of Christ, through his indwelling spirit, manifested in holy life and fellowship.

To which we would add:

Q.—*What authority is that by which the framers of the Catechism determine in a given case whether "the essential mark" is or is not present?*

A.—No authority exists: to assume that it does is contrary to the teachings of Christ and to the principles of Nonconformity.

Q.—*When, therefore, the presence of the "mark" is a matter of dispute, in what position do the framers of the Catechism stand?*

A.—They are in a hopeless dilemma.

Q.—*Is the "mark" ever found in a Unitarian Community?*

A.—As often as in any other.

Q.—*Why, then, are Unitarians excluded from the National Union of Free Churches?*

A.—Because they do not accept its theology.

Q.—*What, therefore, is the value of its freedom?*

A.—It is a violent and arbitrary misuse of the term.

We will venture on one more addition. Q. and A. 36 run:

Q.—*What is a Free Church?*

A.—A Free Church is one which acknowledges none but Jesus Christ as Head . . .

To which we add:

Q.—*Does it follow from this that a Church which acknowledges none but God the Father as Head cannot be free?*

A.—It does.

Q.—*Who are responsible for this monstrous implication?*

A.—The Committee of the National Council of Evangelical Free Churches.

L. P. JACKS.

"The Helper."*

To say that *The Helper* justifies its title in this second issue is, on the whole, the simple truth, and on that score it can be heartily recommended. Its general value is beyond question.

It seems almost a pity that an article by the Rev. J. J. Wright on "The Art of Helping our Young Human Life" should not have been printed at the beginning rather than at the end. For it contains just such words of sympathetic insight as are calculated to make all who teach think, and to lead to self-questionings which can only be most beneficial. The idea is simple and trite enough, that our teaching should be adapted to the age and special needs of our pupils. But the way in which Mr. Wright brings out the peculiar requirements of the infant, the adult, and of those who are going through the most trying intermediate period is illuminating and suggestive in a high degree.

We consider that there is more real good to be got out of this one paper than out of the whole of the year of Sunday lessons. The general scheme of these is admirable, working out in detail the love which is due to God and man, but anything more disappointing than its details it is difficult to imagine. Most of the passages on which the lessons are based are taken from the Bible. That is altogether to the good. But what seems altogether to the bad is that they are not taken from any one translation of the Bible. Surely it must be of great and obvious advantage to use a text which is in the hands of all the class, which is generally recognised, even if in the course of teaching some well warranted emendations of reading be made, or some excellent paraphrase employed to bring out the meaning. The case becomes worse when corrections and alterations are not made from recognised authorities or from knowledge

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of the original, but from consultation with such translators as Charles Wellbeloved, and Samuel Sharp, and even, apparently, by the compiler on purely *a priori* grounds. There is an article far on in the volume on the Hebrew Scriptures in which the curious position is argued for that if one comes across a passage wanting in sense, one should "try whether a somewhat different expression of the same *root thought*, would not make the sense clear." One illustration is given. Both the A.V. and the R.V. read Job vii., 6, "My days are *swifter* than a weaver's shuttle." Not a very difficult idea, in its connexion to grasp, one would imagine. To the author of the paper it breaks the continuity of the thought, and the suggestion is made that "restless" will translate the word equally well, and so the new reading is proposed to us. It does not need much acumen to see that the emendation spoils the passage, and, moreover, as a translation, it is totally inadmissible. Now the same sort of principle appears to have governed the text of the selections. They represent the compiler's personal preference. But let anyone read the selections from Isaiah xl. or Psalm ciii., or the Corinthians xiii. and test for himself the value of this new method. Even straightforward narrative must be amended, as in the story of David and Goliath. When from the text one turns to the notes, there again is cause for complaint. For the most part they are meagre, or irrelevant, sometimes missing the obvious meaning of the passage. It is not pleasant to write thus. But one feels that drawn up with knowledge, judgment, and insight, such a scheme of lessons would prove most useful.

Happily, all the rest may be highly commended. Professor Carpenter writes wise words to parents on the duty of encouraging their children to work in the Sunday School. There are fascinating sketches of John Pounds and Elizabeth the Exile. The Rev. Edgar Daplyn essays and accomplishes well the task—for which the need is by no means obvious—of showing that a teacher can finely illustrate his lessons from the treasures of English literature. There would have been some point in insisting on the value of a knowledge of literature. Every teacher—without being told, no doubt—uses up any material he may possess. The Rev. W. G. Tarrant is responsible for three admirable lessons on "Sin: its punishment and cure." The Rev. Charles Hargrove writes ably, if not quite so simply, on "The Bible and its meaning." A series of papers on the virtues of daily life, by the Rev. H. Rawlings, will give ample and apt illustrations to teachers who may take up the subjects on which he writes. They are fresh, bright, and to the point.

There are four little causeries called Teachers in Council, on the Sunday School Library, the Unprepared teacher who is pointed a way to prepare although he has 'no time," Sunday School visiting, *i.e.*, on behalf of the various associations, and a Summer School. It is this last which will and deservedly attract most attention. The Rev. Joseph Wood suggests that a Summer School should be held for teachers once a year, during the summer vacation, at Oxford, in connection with Manchester College. The object, of course, would be to improve the teaching which is 'given in our schools, by informing and stimulating the teachers. The Rev. R. A. Armstrong, and the Rev. J. J. Wright both heartily back up the proposal, and it is to be earnestly hoped that a trial may be made of it. Of course it is not everyone who could afford the three or five guineas which a fortnight in Oxford with travelling expenses would cost, but surely Mr. Wood is well within the mark when he suggests that fifty would avail themselves of the opportunity. A main element in the success of the scheme would be an interesting and practical programme, and the right men to lecture. Mr. Armstrong says wisely that the instructors must be simple and not too professional.

Enough has perhaps been said to indicate the chief contents of this volume, and to induce those who are desirous of help in preparing lessons for young people whether in the home or school to put it on their bookshelves.

Orthodoxy and Orthopraxy.

By the late T. T. Lynch.

There are times when we hear some reader saying, "I am a plain man, and I hardly know whether I understand what Mr. Lynch means. Is he orthodox, I wonder?

Now, when a person describes himself as a "plain man," too often, if he would only tell us the exact truth, he might say, "I am a dull, rude man, obstinately resolved not even to try and understand anything spoken in a different manner from my own." But we think we perceive that this reader of ours is a polite man as well as a plain one, so we reply, "I know not how I may best convice you that I am orthodox, reader; but perhaps you may be the better pleased with me if I tell you that at least I desire to be orthoprax."

"And what, mystical sir, is it to be orthoprax?" says the reader.

"To be orthoprax, reader, is to do aright according to the 'commandment of the everlasting God,' as to be orthodox is to think aright according to the truth of the 'everlasting gospel,' and I wish there was more orthopraxy in the world."

"The term is new to me, and I fear it is newfangled," says the reader, his politeness scarcely preventing him from adding, "the coinage of a whimsical brain."

Perceiving his thought, we answer: "Call you the term whimsical if you please, though I do not; but admit at least that he only is a wise man who regards the thing this term expresses. Jesus Christ warns us against building houses

on the sand; and he does not say that if only the plan of the house be fine enough no matter what it is builded upon. Some men's orthodoxy is a house of a fine plan, but there is no rock under. It will not stand in the storm."

"But you, too," says the reader, "will admit, I am sure, that it is very important to have right opinions, or, using your own language, to "think aright according to the truth of the everlasting gospel?"

"Important, indeed! True Christian doctrine is the light of life; a light very glorious and friendly. He who has it not either sleeps the heavy sleep of transgression, or, if awake, walks in darkness and has trouble and sorrow."

"But I dislike much the use of the word 'opinions.'"

"Did you ever ask yourself what were the 'opinions' of Abraham, the friend of God—of Lot, who 'vexed his righteous soul' because of the wicked—of Moses, who desired to see the glory of God, and whose request was granted—of Amos, the herdman, who feared God that 'made the seven stars and Orion,' and so was bold to rebuke the men that sold 'the righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of shoes.' 'Opinions!' What were the 'opinions' of Christ's mother, of Simeon—of John, Peter, and Paul? Oh, reader! What 'opinions' have you when the sun rises and the stars shine out? Do you not agree with David's 'opinion' that the 'heavens declare the glory of God?' You call yourself a plain man. Can you not, then, with certainty, apprehend the plain teaching of heaven, earth, Bible? 'Opinions!' The guesses or sketchy notions, or indifferent assent of a man's soul; at best the superficial, unsubstantial shadow, indicating somewhat of the form and size of realities—but not their substances, not their substance. David's psalm about the glories of the heavens and the law was more than the utterance of 'opinions.' Paul knew in whom he had believed. They that do the will of God know of the doctrine that it is divinely real and grand. They walk in its clear and comfortable shining."

The reader perceives that we are rather heated, and thinks we are getting angry. We assure him it is not so, and he then takes courage to quote Milton:—"Opinion is truth in the making."

It is the expression of the general sense only of Milton's words, as many readers may have heard it given, that is here quoted. His own full language is, "Where there is much desire to learn, there, of necessity, will be much arguing, much writing, many opinions, for opinion in good men is but knowledge in the making."

"Yes," we say, "but how many will accept the sincerity of their neighbour as of any worth, when he is only engaged in 'making' his truth, and has not yet made it?" And how many of those who speak of their own and other people's 'opinions' in the loose-light way we condemn, have taken any trouble to 'make truth'—that is, to fix and clear conviction?"

They have gone to their Church as to a cheap warehouse, and "opinions" are the ready-made respectable-looking garments with which they have fitted themselves as well as they might—garments these, too thin for warmth, too flimsy for wear. Would that all "opinions" were counted dishonour to a man that are not "truth in the making;" and that all men were protected and encouraged who by "opinion" are advancing to the "belief of the truth," and that in "the love of it."

Among the new things that are continually arising, so many of them to disappoint us and chill the welcome with which we hail them while it is yet fully warm, I wish there might arise a new college for theology that should not disappoint us; one so liberally orthodox—so accomplished in the wisdom of religion, and of so free and gracious a heart—of such plenary knowledge and such pastoral love—so confident in the "spirit of truth," and in itself as ordained of that spirit to the office of instructor, that it should dare to write even over its marble entrance-porch, for the encouragement and the warning of its students, "Opinion is truth in the making."

Welcome, student! if, "knowing in part," you ask and will strive for the "full assurance of the understanding."

But stand off! stand off! you are not yet pure for entrance if, self-willed, idle, insincere, you have not a trueness that seeks and serves the truth, as the lover has an affection that seeks and serves the beloved one.

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE.

Lewis Carroll.

REV. L. C. DODGSON.

What child is there who has not rejoiced in *Alice in Wonderland* and *Alice through the Looking-Glass?* Who does not know those delicious nonsense songs, "T'was Brillig," "The Walrus and the Carpenter," and "The Hunting of the Snark?" There is not a writer of the last half century who has given so much pleasure to the child-world of the English speaking race as Lewis Carroll. And now that his biography has been published we learn that he himself had the child-like heart. An old bachelor, a mathematical tutor, an Oxford Don—nothing seemed more unlikely than that he should have a special affection for children. But so it was. It is evident he did not much care for "grown-ups." Nor was he much drawn to boys. But girls from three to fifteen, he loved, and to be in their company, to tell them fairy tales, to invent games and puzzles for their amusement, these things were his constant joy and refreshment. It is pleasant to learn that "Alice" was really told to three little girls in a boat one hot summer afternoon, who were so fascinated that when he wanted to leave off with a promise for more next time, they would not let him go, but said, "This is next time."

This is not the place to review Lewis Carroll's life. Our purpose just now is to give our little readers a few minutes' enjoyment in reading three or four of the delightful letters he wrote to his girl friends—letters as full of fun as anything in "*Alice.*" Here is one addressed to a little girl called Magdalen:—

"My dear Magdalen,—I want to explain to you why I did not call yesterday. I was sorry to miss you, but you see I had so many conversations on the way. I tried to explain to the people in the street that I was going to see you; but they wouldn't listen; they said they were in a hurry, which was rude. At last I met a wheel-barrow that I thought would attend to me, but I couldn't make out what was in it. I saw some features at first, then I looked through a telescope and found it was a countenance; then I looked through a microscope and found it was a face! I thought it was rather like me, so I fetched a large looking-glass to make sure, and then to my great joy I found it was me. We shook hands, and were just beginning to talk when myself came up and joined us, and we had quite a pleasant conversation. I said, 'Do you remember when we all met at Sandown?' and myself said, 'It was very jolly there; there was a child called Magdalen,' and me said, 'I used to like her a little; not much, you know—only a little.' Then it was time for us to go to the train, and who do you think came to the train to see us off? You would never guess, so I must tell you. They were two very dear friends of mine, who happen to be here just now. I beg to be allowed to sign this letter as your affectionate friend,

LEWIS CARROLL and C. L. DODGSON."

He had a little friend named Adelaide Payne, to whom he sent a copy of "The Hunting of the Snark,' with the following acrostic written in the fly-leaf:—

"A re you deaf, Father William?" the young man said,
"D id you hear what I told you just now?
E xcuse me for shouting! Don't waggle your head
L ike a blundering, sleepy old cow!
A little maid dwelling in Nothington Town,
I s my friend, so I beg to remark;
D o you think she'd be pleased if a book were sent down
E ntitled 'The Hunt of the Snark.'"

"P ack it up in brown paper!" the old man cried,
A nd seal it with olive and love.
I command you to do it!" he added with pride,
"N or forget, my good fellow, to send her beside,
E aster greetings, and give her my love."

This was followed by a letter, dated June 7th, 1876:—

"My dear Adelaide,—Did you try if the letters at the beginning of the lines about Father William would spell anything? Sometimes it happens that you can spell out words that way, which is very curious.

"I wish you could have heard him when he shouted out, 'Pack it up in brown paper!' It quite shook the house. And he threw one of his shoes at his son's head (just to make him attend, you know), but it missed him.

"He was glad to hear you had got the book safe, but his eyes filled with tears as he said, 'I sent *her* my love, but she never ——' He couldn't say any more, his mouth was so full of bones (he was just finishing a roast goose)."

Here is a topsy-turvey letter to another friend:—

"My dear Gertrude,—I never give birthday *presents*, but you see I *do* sometimes write a birthday letter. So, as I've just arrived here, I am writing this to wish you many and many a happy return of your birthday to-morrow. I will drink your health, if only I can remember, and if you don't mind—but perhaps you object? You see, if I were to sit by you at breakfast, and to drink your tea, you wouldn't like that, would you? You would say 'Boo! hoo! Here's Mr. Dodgson's drunk all my tea, and I haven't got any left!' So I am very much afraid next time Sybil looks for you she'll find you sitting by the sad sea waves, and saying, 'Boo! hoo! Here's Mr. Dodgson has drunk my health and I haven't got any left!' And how it will puzzle Dr. Maund when he is sent for to see you! 'My dear madam, I'm sorry to say your little girl has *no health at all!* I never saw such a thing in my life!' 'Oh, I can easily explain it!' your mother will say. 'You see she would go and make friends with a strange gentleman, and yesterday he drank her health.' 'Well Mrs. Chatterway,' he will say, 'The only way to cure her is to wait till his next birthday, and then for *her* to drink *his* health.'

"And then we shall have changed healths. I wonder how you'll like mine! Oh, Gertrude, I wish you wouldn't talk such nonsense! Your loving friend,
LEWIS CARROLL."

We can only make room for one more:—

"My dear Gertrude,—This really will *not* do, you know, sending one more kiss every time by post. The parcel gets so heavy it is quite expensive. When the postman brought in the last letter he looked quite grave. 'Two pounds to pay, sir!' he said. '*Extra weight*, sir.' (I think he cheats a little, by the way. He often makes me pay the *pounds* when I think it should be *pence*). 'Oh! if you please Mr. Postman!' I said, going down gracefully on one knee (I wish you could see me go down on one knee to a postman—it's a very pretty sight), 'excuse me just this once! It's only from a little girl!'

"'Only from a little girl!' he growled, 'What are little girls made of?' 'Sugar and spice,' I began to say, 'and all things ni—.' But he interrupted me. 'No! I don't mean *that*. I mean what's the good of little girls when they send such heavy letters?' 'Well! they're not *much* good, certainly,' I said, rather sadly. 'Mind you don't get any more such letters,' he said, 'at least, not from that particular little girl. *I know her well, she's a regular bad one!*' That isn't true, is it? However, I promised him we would send each other *very* few more letters—'only two thousand four hundred and seventy, or so,' I said. 'Oh!' he said, 'a little number like *that* doesn't signify! What I mean is you musn't send *many*!'

So you see we must keep count now, and when we get to two thousand four hundred and seventy we mustn't write any more, unless the postman gives us leave.

Why is a pig that has lost his tail like a little girl on the sea shore?

Because it says, 'I should like another tale, please.'
Your loving friend, LEWIS CARROLL."

Thou canst not choose, but serve,—man's lot is servitude,—
But thou hast thus much choice, a bad lord or a good.

—*Trench.*

To show us the worth of time, God—most liberal for all other things—is exceedingly frugal in the dispensing of *that*; for He never gives us two moments together, nor grants us a second till He has withdrawn the first, still keeping the third in his own hands, so that we are in a perfect uncertainty whether we shall ever have it or not. The true manner of preparing for the last moment is to spend all the others well. We dote upon this world as if it were never to have an end, and we neglect the next as if it were never to have a beginning!—*Fenelon.*

Winter Rain.

Every valley drinks,
Every dell and hollow,
Where the kind rain sinks and sinks,
Green of Spring will follow.

Yet a lapse of weeks
Buds will burst their edges,
Strip their wool-coats, glue-coats, streaks,
In the woods and hedges.

Weave a bower of love
For birds to meet each other,
Weave a canopy above
Nest and egg and mother.

But for fattening rain
We should have no flowers,
Never a bud or leaf again
But for soaking showers.

Never a mated bird
In the rocking tree-tops,
Never indeed a flock or herd
To graze upon the lea-crops.

Lambs so woolly white,
Sheep the sun-bright leas on,
They could have no grass to bite
But for rain in season.

We should find no moss
In the shadiest places,
Find no waving meadow grass
Pied with broad-eyed daisies.

But miles of barren sand,
With never a son or daughter.
Not a lily on the land,
Or lily on the water.

CHRISTINA ROSETTI.

Our only greatness is that we aspire.

Go where thou wilt, seek whatsoever thou wilt, thou shalt not find a higher way above, nor a safer way below, than the way of the Holy Cross.—*Thos. à Kempis.*

Learn the mystery of progression duly,
Do not call each glorious change decay;
But know we only hold our treasures truly
When it seems as if they passed away!
Nor dare to blame God's gifts for incompleteness!
In that want their beauty lies: they roll
Towards some infinite depth of love and sweetness,
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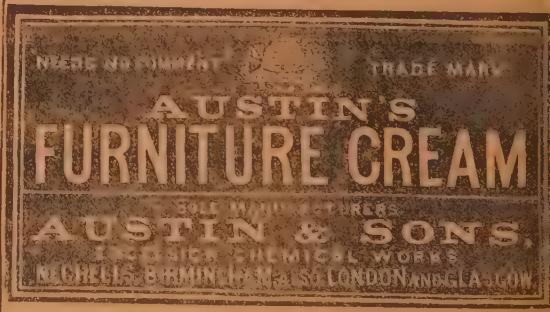

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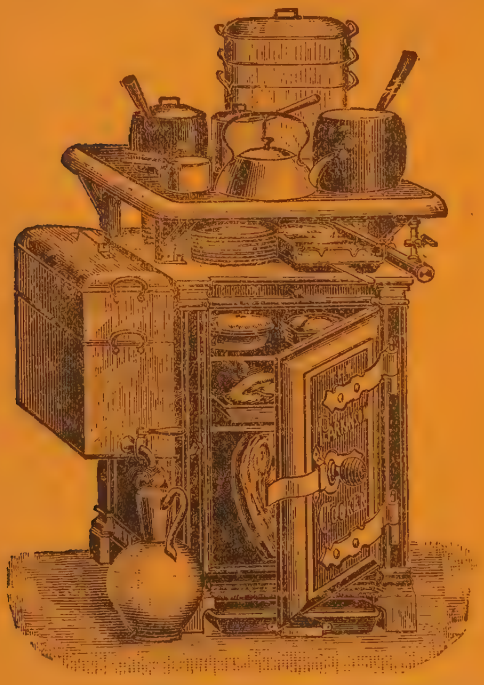

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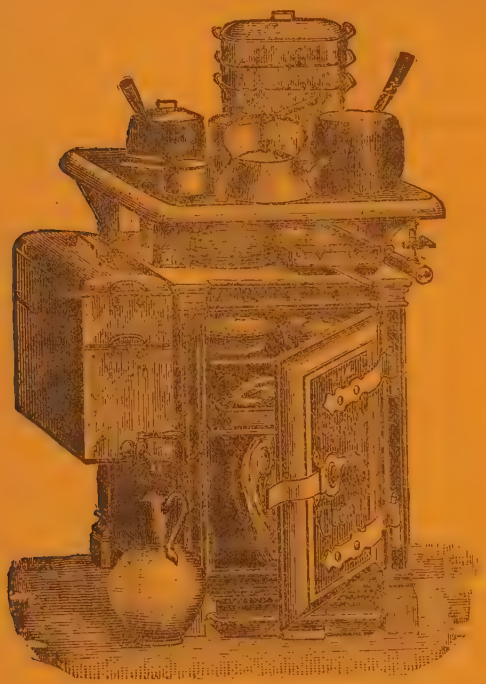

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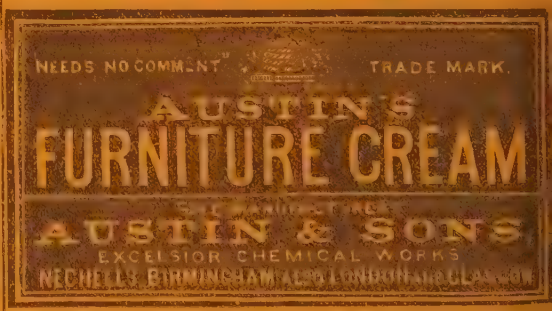

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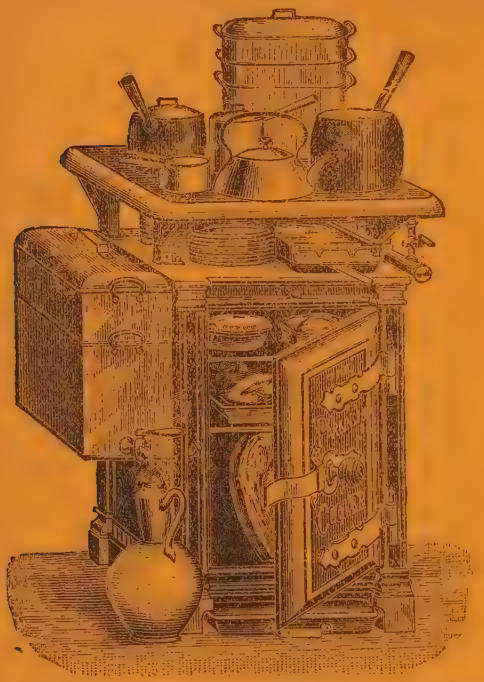

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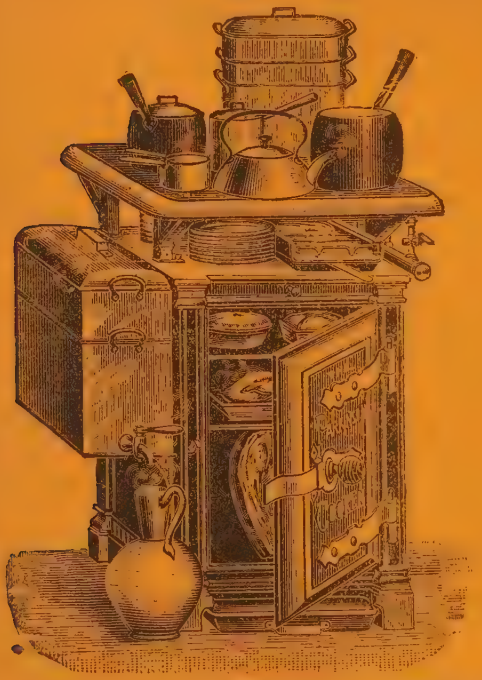

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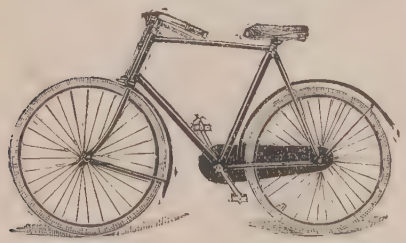

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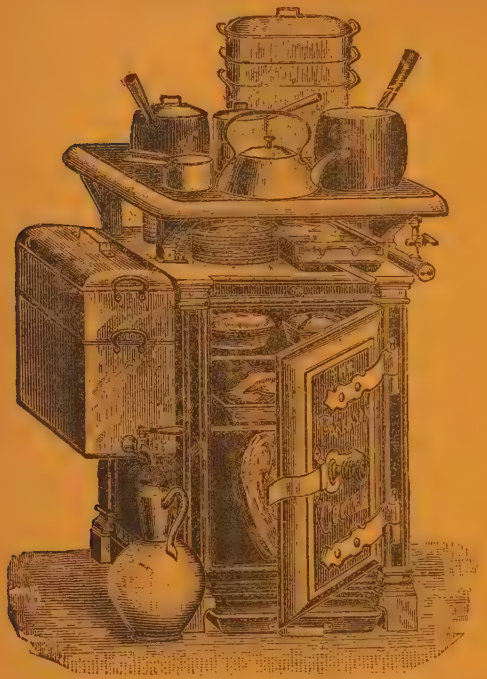

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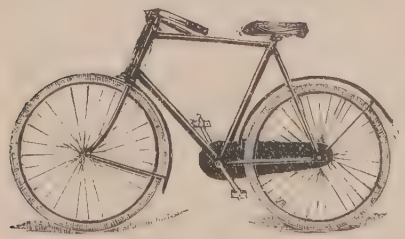

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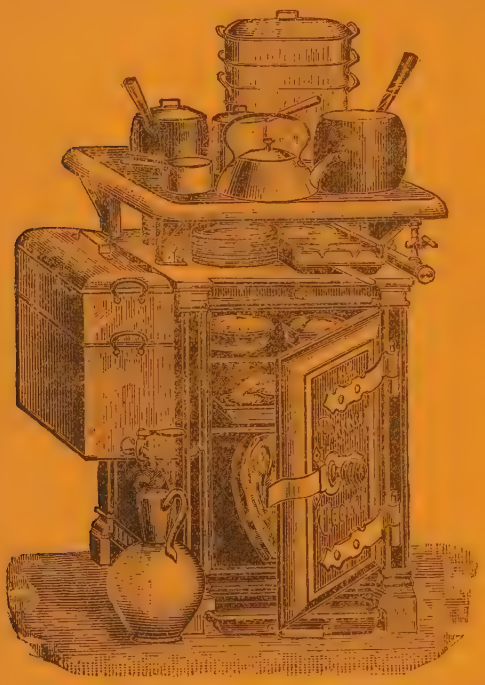

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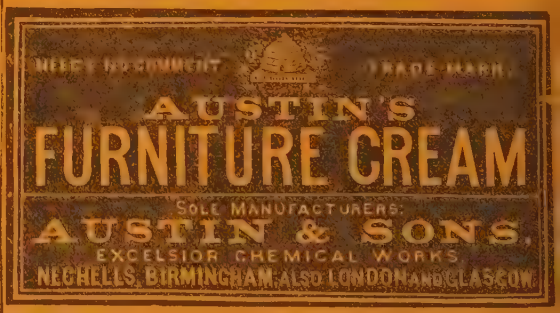

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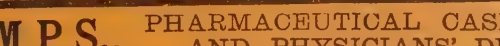

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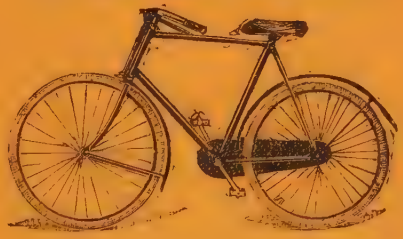

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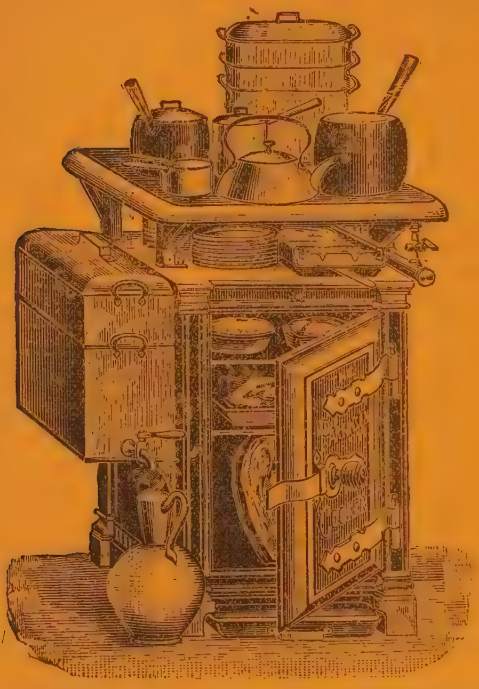

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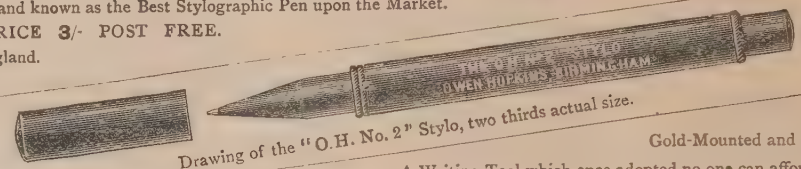

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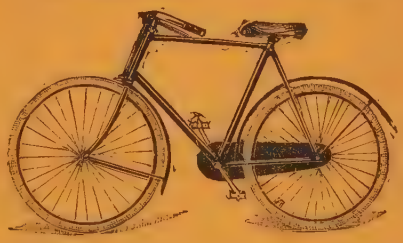

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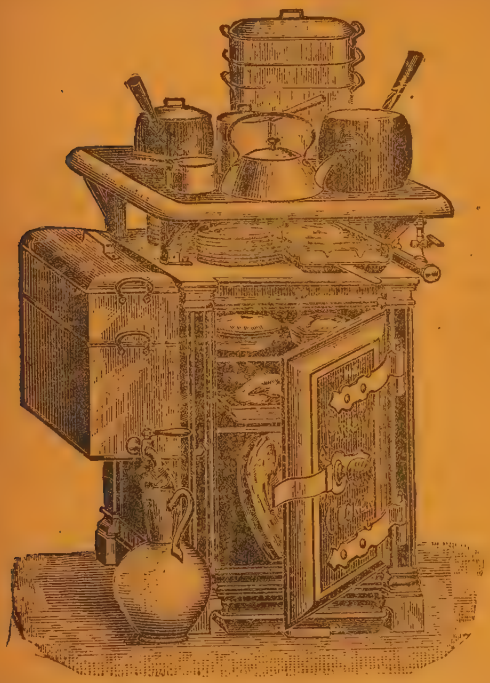

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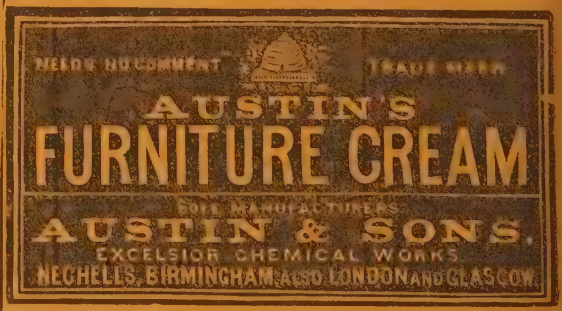

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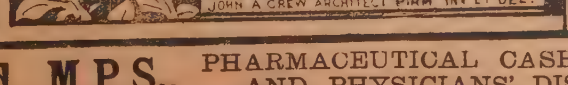

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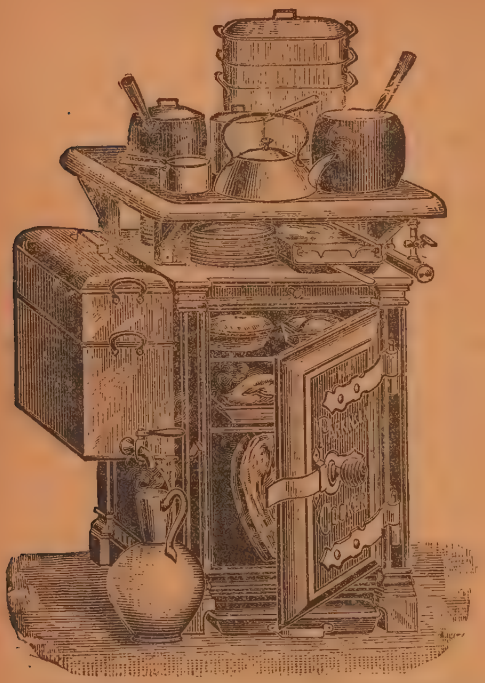

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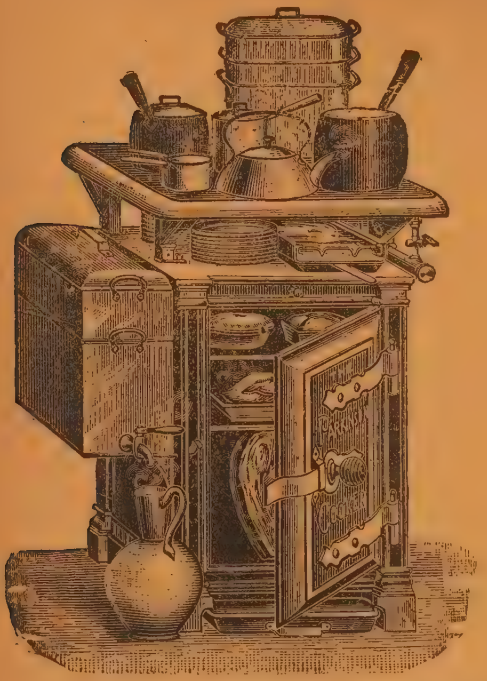

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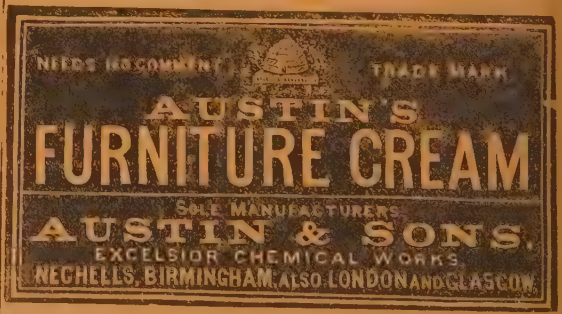

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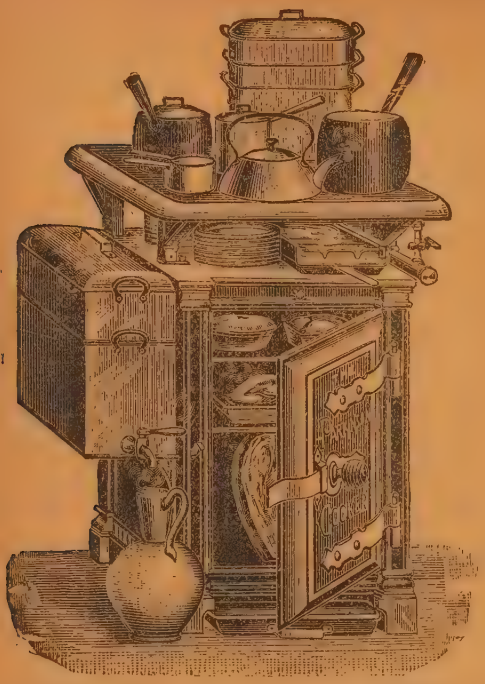

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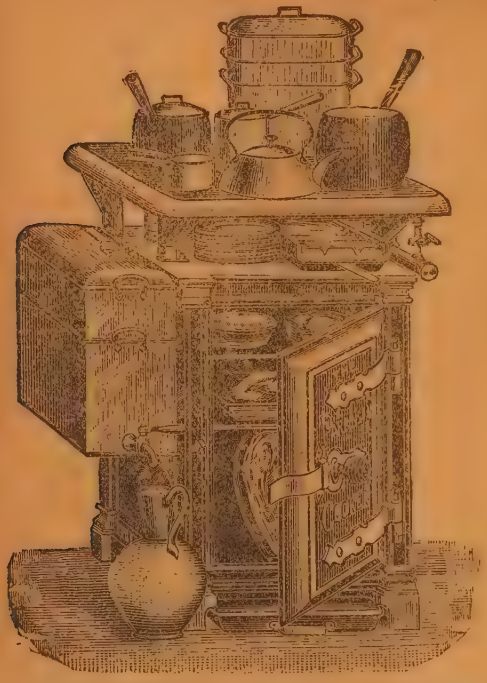

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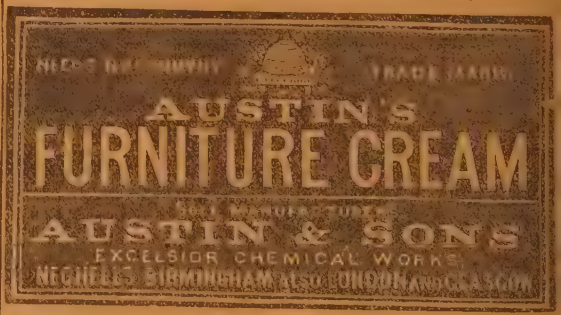

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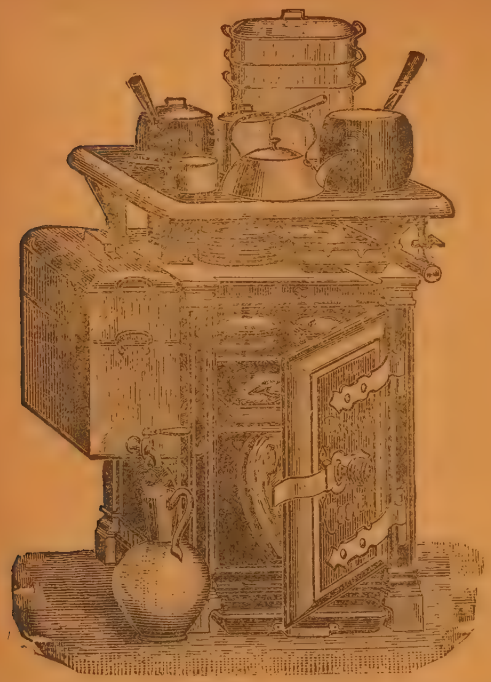

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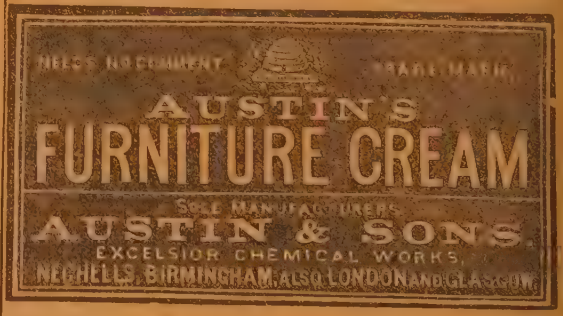

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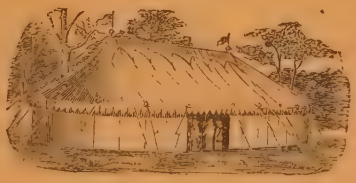

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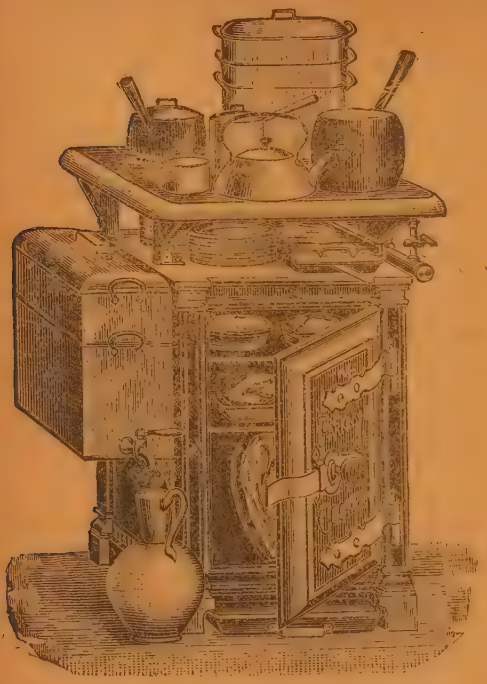

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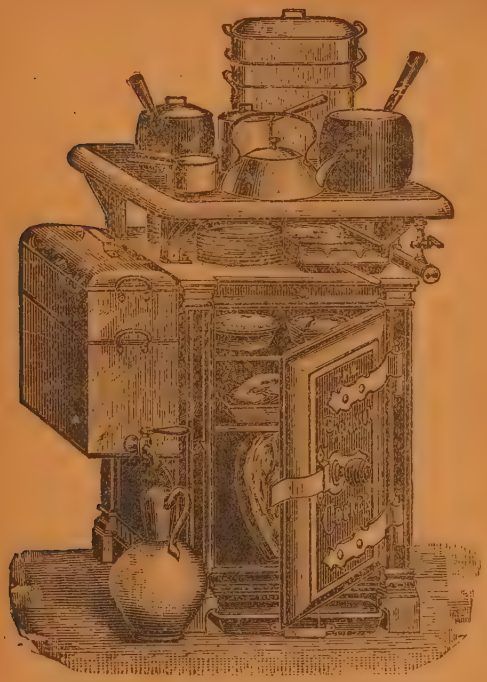

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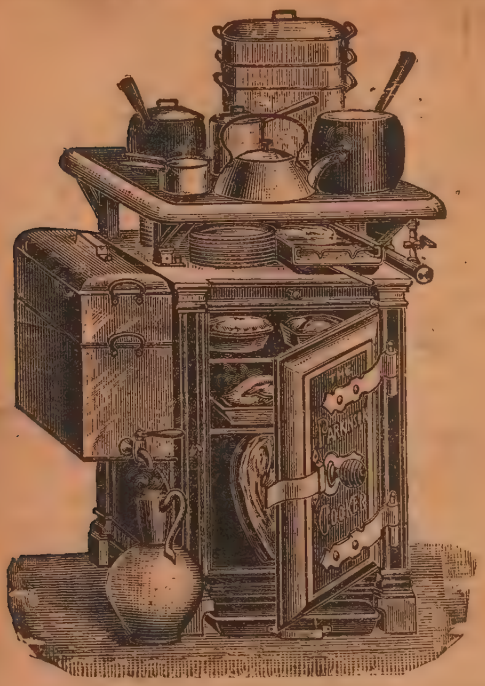

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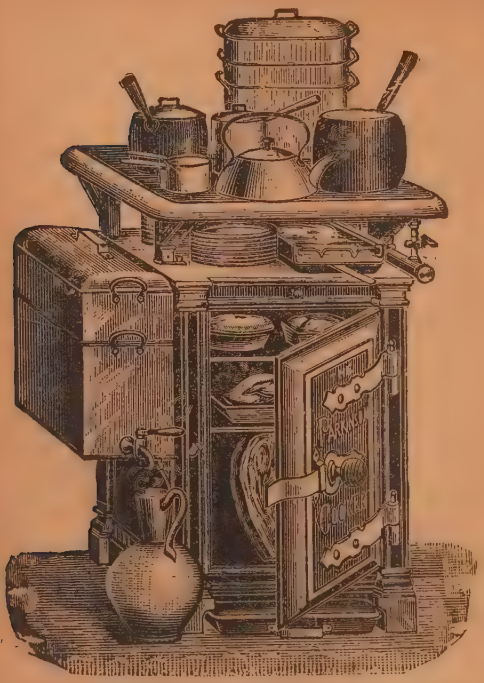

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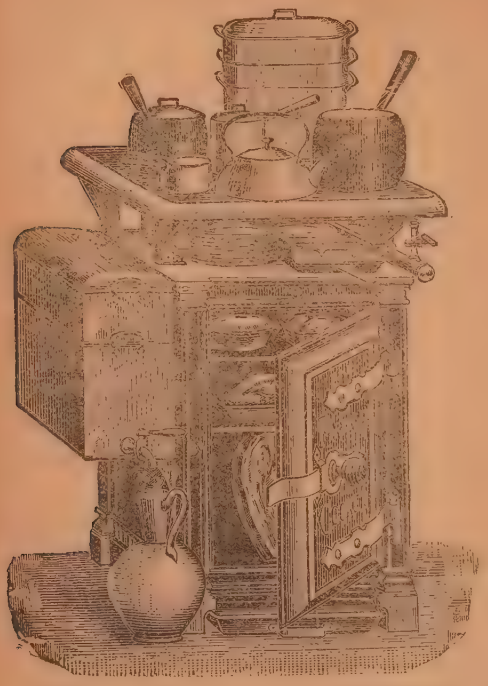

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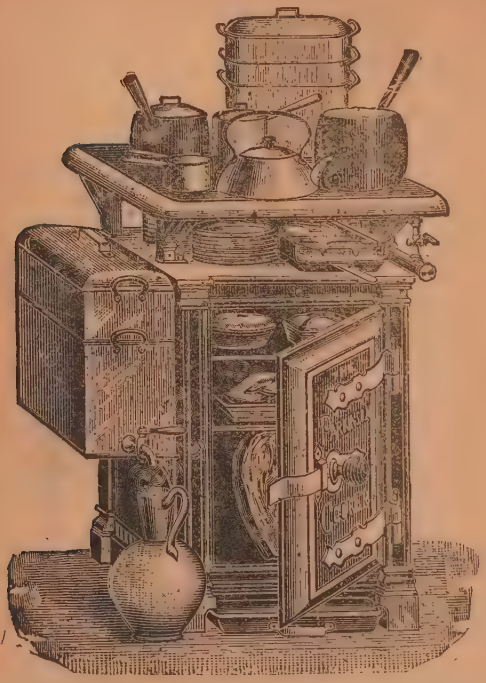

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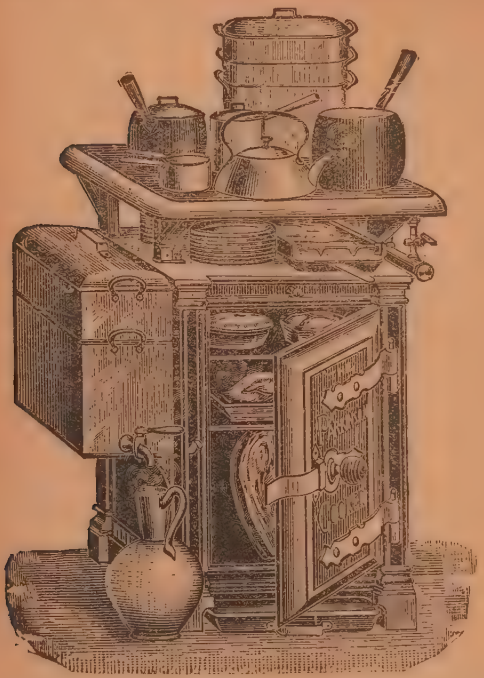

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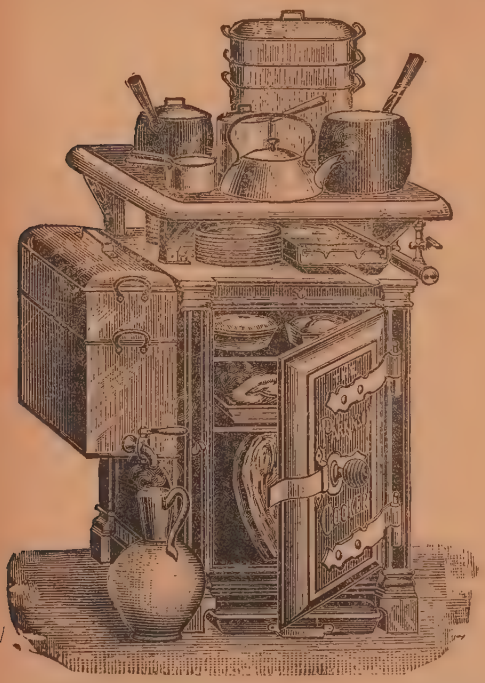

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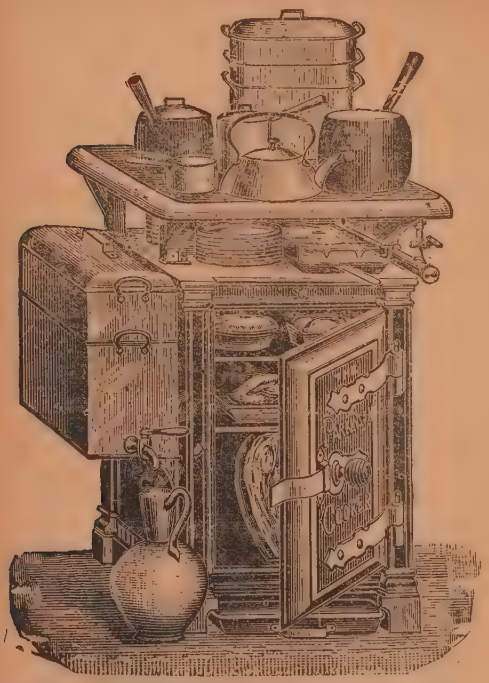

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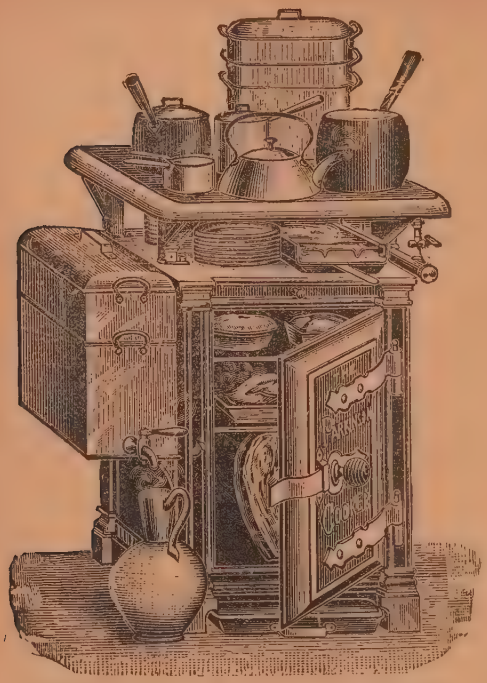

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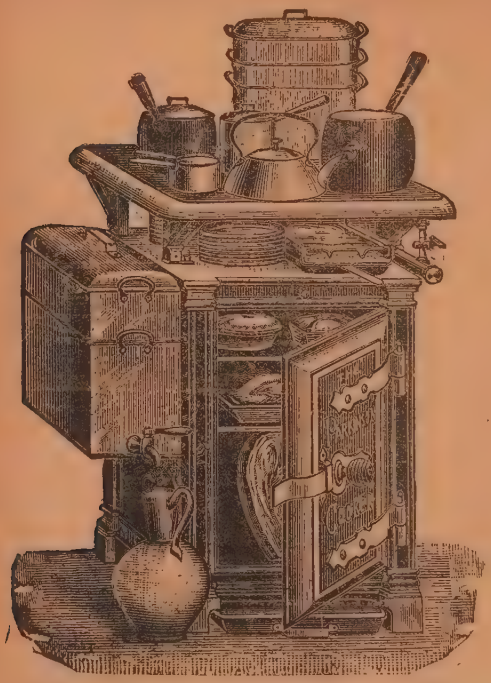

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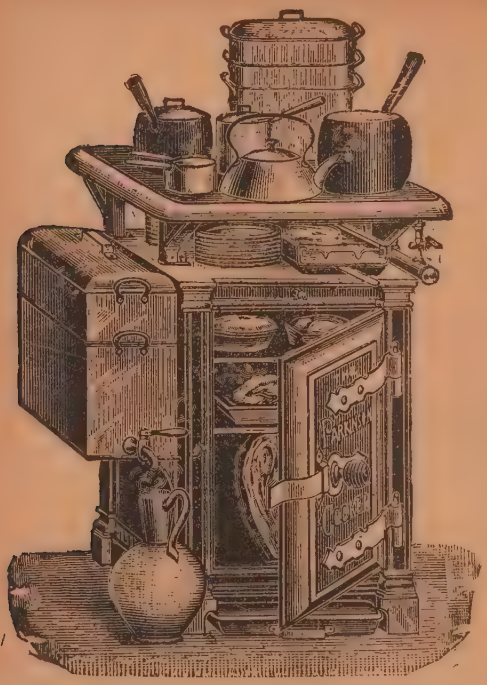

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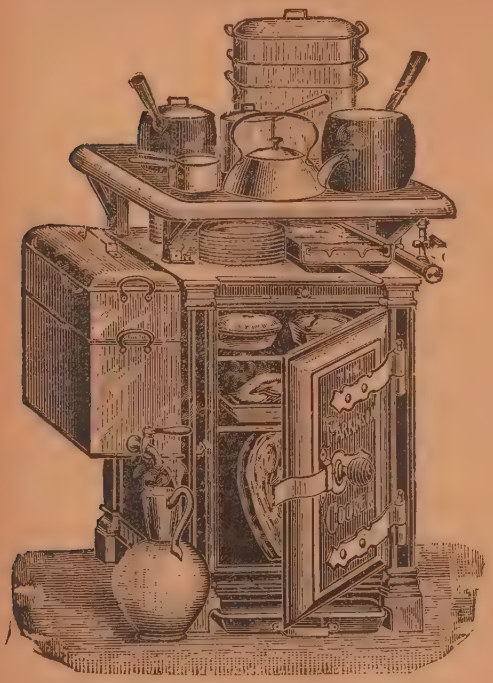

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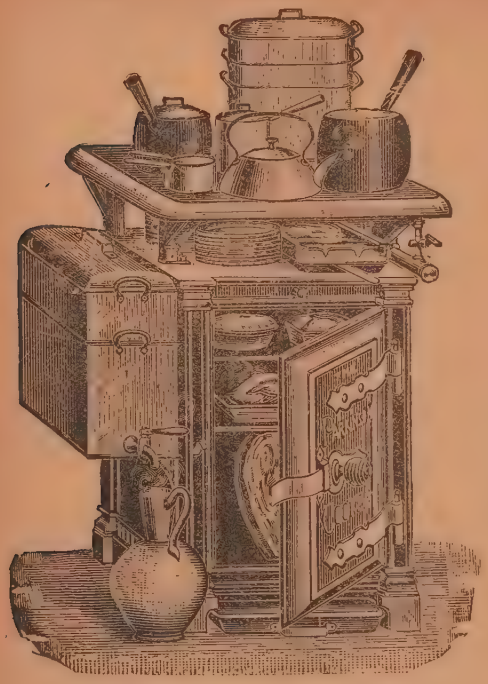

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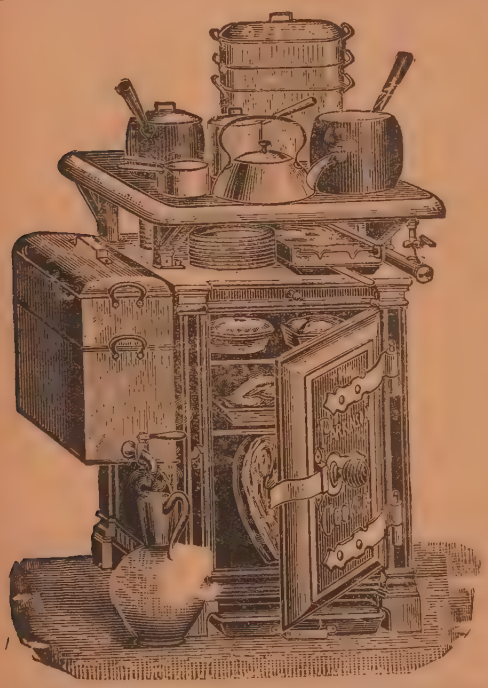

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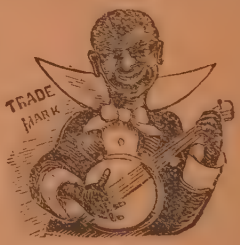

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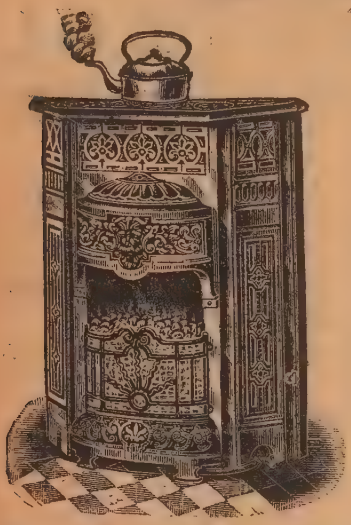

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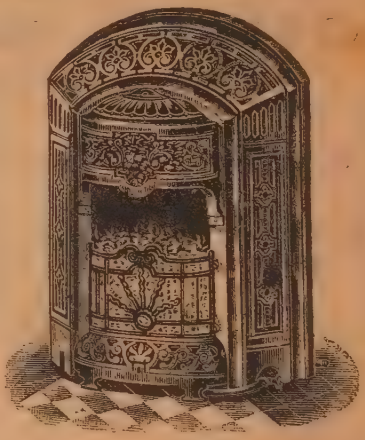

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